



A DATE WITH DAVID!

by **Judy Strangis** as told to Ann Moses

Meet Judy Strangis, who you've seen many times as a regular student on "Room 222." Just 19 years old, petite and pretty Judy has been acting professionally since she was six years old!

Her career began quite by accident when she "tagged along" with her older sister, who was an actress, on a job interview. Judy was asked if she could sing and dance and when she sheepishly answered "yes," she had won her first role!

Judy continued to act throughout her growing up years, but attended public schools and a Catholic girls school. Her parents were intent on her remaining as normal as possible despite her flourishing career as a child actress.

Over the years, Judy has appeared on seven live TV shows, had guest roles in nine TV series, been in four pilots for television, filmed three movies and made six commercials!

Most recently, besides her recurring roles on "Room 222," Judy has made guest appearances on "Dan August," "Love American Style," and had a featured role in the upcoming movie, "Like It Is," in which she plays a hippie.

Judy says of her career today, "I've been very fortunate. It all just sort of happened, and when I was 16 I dropped out of acting completely for two years. During that time it's hard to work because they can get 18 year old girls who look 16 for parts and they don't have the problems with school and guardians."

During those two years she enjoyed the life of a normal teenager, attending University High School. "Oh, yes, I lived a very normal life. Even today, my friends have absolutely nothing to do with show business. Most of my girlfriends are in college."

When not working, Judy loves to play tennis and go motorcycle riding. She also digs going bowling with groups of friends. And, it's not unusual to find Judy bicycling all over the hills near her parents' home, because she loves most forms of exercise.

A bright, aware young lady, Judy has definite ideas about her future. "I want to be an actress, not a movie star! For one thing, I won't do nude scenes. I've been up for parts for several movies, but they called for nude scenes and I said, 'no.' My goal is to someday have my own TV series, like 'Gidget.' That's the kind of character I like!"

Though she is proud of her accomplishments and is eager to work hard furthering her career, she says, "It's no secret that I want to get married someday. Right now I know I'm not mature enough. Whether I was an actress or a student, I still wouldn't be ready for it. But I'll never let my career come in the way of marriage!"

Judy now lives with her parents in Bel Air. One of her favorite dates is David Cassidy and in this exclusive story for Tiger Beat Spectacular, Judy will tell you how she met David and what it's like to date him!